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Communications staff adjusts to new site

Storm damage in July at 8027 sends office to smaller digs

By SKIP VAUGHN

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The roof literally caved in on an ongoing project to upgrade the communications infrastructure throughout Redstone Arsenal.

Heavy storms caused a portion of the roof to collapse overnight July 10 at building 8027. The Installation Information Infrastructure Modernization Program, an 11-member office, was in the south end of that massive warehouse building and a Chugach storage area was on the north end. The roof over the office's empty storage area in the middle of the building collapsed. The building was condemned and the occupants moved out.

The communications modernization program continued without interruption at its new home in building 3208.

"The move caused us several prob-

lems," said Richard Van Scoyoc, project manager for I3MP which belongs to the Directorate of Information Management at the Garrison. "We had to find new working space for the office which was a lot smaller square footage. We had to find additional storage areas for equipment. And then we had to locate space where the I3MP contractors could work by bringing in their own trailers.

"Through the cooperation of the (Directorate of Public Works) Real Property Office, we were able to acquire locations to

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Courtesy photo

SKY VIEW – The I3MP project office moved from building 8027 when a portion of its roof collapsed from storms July 10. The building was condemned.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

GETTING ONLINE— Work has begun on the manhole and duct system on Martin Road for the new Von Braun complex and the communications upgrade.

Fire heavily damages home of Drill Sergeant of Year

Family loses possessions in housing area blaze

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The Redstone community came together once again to help one of its own after a house fire.

SFC Brandon Short of Charlie Company, the post Drill Sergeant of the Year for 2002, and his family lost most of their possessions when their home was heavily damaged by fire Nov. 13 in the housing area. He and his wife, Sgt. Todossii Short of Delta Company, and three children were not at home at the time.

The fire was reported at 10:31 a.m. by post grass cutters who noticed smoke. The Redstone fire department arrived at 10:36 and extinguished the blaze by 10:48, according to fire inspector Jim Hughes.

Early estimates were \$20,000 in damage to the two-story dwelling at 1019 Buffington Road and \$40,000 to its contents.

"It's going to have to be totally renovated due to smoke and heat," Hughes said. "All of their possessions were damaged by

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

TOP DRILL SERGEANT— SFC Brandon Short, right, the post Drill Sergeant of the Year, receives a coin from Gen. Eric Shinseki, the Army chief of staff, on Oct. 21 during the Association of the U.S. Army annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

Dining in



Thanksgiving feast on tap for soldiers

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Win or lose



Devastating Dragons roll into tournament

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Cemetery survey comes to life

If John Rankin comes to you, badge in hand, please take him to the nearest cemetery!

Mr. Rankin is a volunteer with the Directorate of Environmental Management. He is documenting historic Redstone Arsenal cemeteries. Mr. Rankin's work includes archival research, cleaning marker stones in order to record any inscriptions on them, and photographing cemetery landscapes and any associated markers. He is developing this information for our cultural resources program.

In 1940, when the Army took over ownership, farm families left the land that is now RSA. Some of the families, such as the Lacy family, maintain their tie to their ancestral land and family cemetery by visiting Lacy Cemetery as a group during their annual family reunions.

However, knowledge of old home places has been lost as the elders have died. People whose families once lived on RSA frequently contact the Directorate of Environmental Management while researching their family history. We also receive many calls requesting information about family and community cemeteries located on the installation. This is not surprising since we have 47 cemeteries located on RSA. Some of these cemeteries have markers, but most do not.

Mr. Rankin's undertaking is important to both RSA and the community. In addition to making a photo record, Mr. Rankin searches wills and deeds to associate families with cemeteries. This is the information he will compile. We can use it to better answer questions from the community. However, just as significant to our cultural resource program is the information that Mr. Rankin finds as he reads documents, letters and other historic papers. He uncovers many interesting facts about life and people who lived within present-day RSA land during the 1800s and early 1900s. Beverly Curry, our staff archaeologist, is using this information as well as other sources in an ongoing project to document the culture and history of what is now RSA.

The goal of this study is to document the pre-1940 culture on present-day RSA

land. Information is being gathered through archival research of documents and maps as well as ethnographic interviews with former residents and their descendants. A number of elders have been interviewed about their early years, what crops they grew, what they cooked, where they went to church, their communities, and social ways at the time.

The cultural footprint will serve two purposes — documenting history and providing insight about historic archaeological sites that could serve as the basis for a memorandum of agreement with the Alabama state historic preservation officer.

While cemetery dates document the presence of families on RSA as early as 1820, the majority of the historic archaeological sites on RSA were created by the Army when tenant farm houses and other standing structures were demolished after the installation was acquired by the War Department.

Cultural resource laws now require us to archaeologically investigate all of these sites prior to ground disturbance. Developing an adequate cultural footprint could be the basis for a memorandum of agreement creating a class of archaeological sites for which no further testing or investigation would be legally required.

Mr. Rankin is helping us to meet all these needs with his research effort. He is making a significant contribution to RSA's cultural resource program. If there is a cemetery in your mission area, Mr. Rankin will probably come to see you, map and badge in hand.

We request your assistance in facilitating Mr. Rankin's entry into any cemeteries in your mission area. We realize that mission activities may limit access times to some areas, and Mr. Rankin will schedule his work in order to avoid any disruptions to your mission. But we request everyone's help with completing this task.

The points of contact for this action are Beverly Curry, staff archaeologist, at 955-6971 and Danny Dunn, chief of natural resources division, at 876-4572.

Beverly Curry
staff archaeologist

Motorist rendered roadside aid

Just wanted to say a thank you to Good Samaritan Mark Harrison, who assisted me and my husband on the evening of Nov. 6 when our car died on a very lonely, very dark stretch of road on the Arsenal. As my husband was walking in knee-deep, wet grass to get help, and I was sitting alone with cars whizzing by, Mark stopped to offer his help. He turned around and found my husband, and then took us to gate 9 and insisted on waiting

until we were able to make arrangements to have our car towed.

Not everyone would have taken the time, after working hard all day, to stop and help when all most of us are thinking about is getting home to our loved ones. So, thanks, Mark. You'll never know how grateful we were for your kindness.

Carolyn Foushee
Precision Fires Rocket and
Missile Systems Project Office

Barricades coming soon to gate outbound lanes

PROVOST MARSHAL RELEASE

The Provost Marshal Office is increasing force protection measures at gates 8 and 10, effective by Dec. 2. As a result of a recent gate security survey, the PMO has concluded that barriers are not necessary at most gates. However, security considerations call for placement at gates 8 and 10.

For added security, concrete barriers in a serpentine pattern will be placed in the outbound lanes of both gates. These measures will help to prevent threat vehicles from potentially using the outbound lanes of traffic to gain access to the instal-

lation. In addition to the barricades, posted speed limits at each gate will be lowered for the public to safely maneuver through the obstacles.

Barriers will be clearly marked and illuminated for safe negotiation. However, vehicle speeds should be appropriately reduced in accordance with posted speed limits in order to prevent potential safety hazards or accidents at these locations. Personnel should also consider using alternate gates or allowing additional time to negotiate the barriers.

The Provost Marshal Office is dedicated to providing the utmost safety and security for the Redstone Arsenal community.

Privatization 'Third Wave' implemented by March

Army studies jobs for contracting out

By DENNIS RYAN
Pentagram staff writer

WASHINGTON — Army officials conducted a roundtable discussion with media representatives at the Pentagon last month to explain the next round of the privatization of department jobs. Dr. John Anderson, assistant deputy assistant secretary for Manpower Management, and Jim Wakefield, deputy chair of the Non-

Core Competencies Working Group, talked about their progress.

Secretary of the Army Thomas White sketched an outline of the plan called "The Third Wave," in an Oct. 4 letter to principal officials and all major commanders.

"You will develop and present to me, by Dec. 20, 2002, an implementation plan for privatizing, divesting, outsourcing using 'alternatives to A-76,' competing using A-76, converting military spaces to

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Team Redstone honors participants in cost cutting programs

Annual awards presented for savings achievements

The command's Value Engineering and Operations and Support Cost Reduction Programs held its fiscal 2002 awards ceremony Thursday. Key representatives from Team Redstone were recognized for their efforts to both VE and OSCR during FY '02.

"Both the VE and OSCR initiatives are vital to achieving the goals of this command, the Department of Defense, the taxpayers, and every soldier in the field," Col. John Smith, chief of staff for the Aviation and Missile Command, said at the ceremony.

The Team Redstone VE efforts saved \$142.1 million for the year. This amounted to 180 percent of its \$79 million goal. Some 75 VE initiatives were settled during the year.

The Army Materiel Command VE Achievement Awards were presented to the following Team Redstone organizations/individuals for their VE accomplishments: field command — Aviation and Missile Command; installation — Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa.; program execu-

tive office — Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office; and individual/team — Lt. Col. Paul Myrick, Terrie Bramlett, Colleen Rodriguez, Frank Gregory and David Jones.

The following organizations received VE award plaques for achieving their FY '02 savings goals: Lower Tier Air and Missile Defense Project Office, Integrated Materiel Management Center, THAAD Project Office, Research Development and Engineering Center, Fixed Wing Product Management Office, SHORAD Project Office, Aviation Rockets and Missiles Project Office, Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office, Common Missile Project Office, Close Combat Missile Systems Project Office, Utility Helicopters Project Office, Tactical UAV Project Office, Unmanned Ground Vehicles/Systems Joint Project Office, Corpus Christi Army Depot, Texas, and Letterkenny Army Depot. Value Engineering certificates were also presented to VE coordinators and contracting personnel for their accomplishments.

The AMCOM fiscal '02 OSCR efforts were just as successful. Seven projects were approved with an initial investment of

\$1.63 million. The 10-year field savings for six of these projects are estimated to exceed \$28.7 million. The other project was for aviation parts repair and reclaim for a field saving of \$9.9 million. In addition there were five OSCR projects implemented in fiscal '02 that had an initial investment of \$1.8 million and have 10-year projected field savings of \$28.2 million.

The following organizations received OSCR award plaques for their fiscal '02 accomplishments: Lower Tier Air and Missile Defense Project Office, Performance Fire Rockets and Missiles Project Office, SHORAD Project Office, Cargo Helicopters Project Office and the Utility Helicopters Project Office. Operating and Support Cost Reduction certificates were also presented to key OSCR personnel for their accomplishments.

The seventh annual Robert B. Tarquine Value Engineering Achievement Award was presented at the Value Engineering/Operating Support Cost Reduction awards ceremony. The award named after the late Robert B. Tarquine is presented annually by the Command VE Office to a key individual for his or her outstanding achievements in VE.

"Mr. Tarquine was a key participant and contributor to the early success of the Command VE Programs," Tom Reynolds, AMCOM's VE manager, said. "His leadership and expertise had a major, positive impact on Team Redstone. He truly was a benefactor of the AMCOM VE Program and we present the annual award in his honor for his sustained achievements in value engineering."

This year's recipient is Richard Spencer, chief of the program management division in the SHORAD Project Office. He was nominated for his management and direction of the SHORAD VE Program, setting aside of funding for VE, initiation of a program to capture cost reduction opportunities, and the selection/placement of a proactive VE coordinator/lead engineer for the SHORAD VE Program.

Other nominees for the award this year included Steve Basham, SHORAD Project Office; James Champion, Research Development and Engineering Center; Andrew Fogle, Lower Tier Air and Missile Defense Project Office; and Joseph Mackovjak, Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office.

Job study deemed necessary to free up resources

Privatization

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civilian or contract, or transferring to other government agencies, all non-core functions that fall under your purview," White said in his letter. "The source of funding for military conversions will be those functions identified for divestiture. Your plan should focus on the total workforce (military, civilian employee, contract) in the operating forces and infrastructure."

The first wave of public and private competition was in the 1980s, when the Army studied 25,000 jobs. The second wave began fiscal year 1997 when the Army studied 13,000 jobs. Only 375 positions were phased out in the second wave, for a saving of \$223 million a year.

The secretary mentioned that the next round of "public-private competitions" would be bigger and happen faster than the previous two rounds of privatization.

"We are gathering the information that the Secretary of the Army needs to continue transforming the Army," Wakefield said.

The Army plan may involve over 200,000 employees in public versus private competition. Over 58,000 soldiers might see their jobs taken away and find themselves in new fields.

The study will examine what functions are redundant, or unnecessary, and get rid of them, according to Anderson.

The study will also look for alternative to A-76 competitions to improve the privatization process, said Wakefield.

Anderson mentioned the point of the study is to "improve operational capability and move soldiers into military functions."

Core functions are those relating directly to a unit's mission. Non-core functions would include organizations such as Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, where 18,412 jobs are military and 36,649 are civilian, or Manpower and Reserve Affairs which employs 32,680 uniformed personnel and more than

50,000 civilians.

Wakefield said only a very small number of people will lose their jobs.

Anderson stressed the need for decisions to be made to free up resources. He promised the process will be open and impartial.

"Congress requires us to do this to get the very best bang for the buck for the taxpayer," said Anderson, so the military can perform more vital functions. The implementation of the study will begin March 2003.

Anderson discussed three reasons for the Third Wave: one, to obtain non-core products and services from the private sector to enable Army leaders to focus their energies and talents on the Army's core competencies; two, to support President

Bush's management agenda; three, to free resources for the global war on terrorism.

"The Army's strength is its people - its soldiers and its civilian employees," said Wakefield. "The Army has always and will always treat our people with dignity and respect while at the same time becoming as efficient as we can be ... we plan to free leaders from expending their energies on non-core functions, so those leaders can focus on the core competencies, which includes fighting and winning the global war on terrorism."

Editor's note: Dennis Ryan is a staff writer for the Military District of Washington Pentagon newspaper.

Workers spread holiday cheer to deployed soldiers

Community project brings outpouring

By SKIP VAUGHN

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It looked like someone had been grocery shopping in the Sparkman Management Office. Plastic bags filled with household items were piled in a work station.

But this wasn't part of a family shopping spree. The recipients will be members of a Huntsville-based National Guard unit deployed to Afghanistan since September.

Army workers responded to a request for necessary conveniences initiated by the Redstone Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers and promoted by Sparkman complex manager Edna Dye. The youth group at Kirkland Baptist Church in Fayetteville, Tenn., contributed a \$300 check Nov. 13.

"This puts us over \$500 in cash to help toward the shipment," Dye said. "And look at the stuff. It's still coming in."

Cody Swinford, a budget analyst in Resource Management Directorate, delivered the check from his church's youth group. He also belongs to ASMC.

"I think it's cool that they get the youth groups involved in it," Dye said. "I think it's good."

The items — everything from candy and peanut butter to socks and toilet paper — were to be shipped Nov. 15. The soldiers should receive them "between Thanksgiving and Christmas," Dye said.

ASMC began this as a community project, according to Mary Ann Green, a member of the group's community services committee. "One of the ASMC ladies had lunch with the mother-in-law of a young man who's over with this unit," she said. "We found out through her about it."

"The response has just been absolutely wonderful," Green said.

It expanded from a group of friends, the "lunch bunch," at the Army Corps of

Engineers Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville to other offices on and off post.

The initial organizers were contract specialist Glenda Humphrey, whose son-in-law is deployed for Operation Enduring Freedom with the 20th Special Forces, U.S. Army National Guard unit; Anna Skonieczny and Darlene Fowler.

"This time of year is very difficult (for the deployed soldiers) because they're away from their families during the holidays," said Fowler, a program analyst in the Engineering and Support Center and an ASMC member.

Humphrey appreciated the outpouring from Army workers. "I think it's wonderful because when you're in a place like that I'm sure a card or a box of candy or anything means a lot," she said. "Also we're going to send school supplies to men in the 20th Special Forces and they're going to distribute them to children in the area where they've been activated. The children had almost nothing in the way of school supplies."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

SHOPPING FOR SOLDIERS— Cody Swinford, a member of Redstone Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers, sorts through items contributed Nov. 1-15 at the Sparkman Center to soldiers of a local National Guard unit deployed to Afghanistan.

Winter honeysuckle's beauty only skin deep

*Fruitful, fragrant flower
an invasive exotic plant*

By SOOS WEBER
Directorate of Environmental Management

What is pretty, smells good, and attracts birds, but is choking the life out of woodlands in this area? It is a plant that is known as fragrant or winter honeysuckle, *Lonicera fragrantissima*. Winter honeysuckle is a semi-evergreen, medium-sized shrub growing to 9 inches high and just as broad. It is not the same as the Japanese honeysuckle, which local hunters love as a deer browse.

The flowers are produced from February to the end of March (hence the "winter" in their name). The flowers are sweetly fragrant; their color is cream to white. The leaves are ovate, dark green and produced shortly after the flowers. The red berries that follow in May are particularly attractive to migrating birds, and therein lies the problem.

This wonderfully fruitful flowering plant of the honeysuckle family (Caprifoliaceae) appears on the surface to be a nice shrub to have in one's yard. However, the problem with fragrant honeysuckle is that it won't stay there. It is known as an invasive exotic plant, and it is stomping out the biodiversity of our mountain woodlands in the Huntsville area. The Oak-

Hickory-Eastern Redcedar woodlands are threatened by this ubiquitous shrub.

Invasive species are those which spread from human settings (gardens, agricultural areas, etc.) into the wild. Once in the wild, they continue to reproduce, and displace native species. Invasive species are usually non-native, i.e. they were first introduced into country or regional area by humans. Thick growths of non-native bushes can displace the native plants that once provided food and shelter for wildlife. As these bushes spread throughout the woodlands, native species decline. Wildflowers are shaded out as well as young tree seedlings that cannot make it up through the dense shrubbery. It is like having tarps all over the ground in the woods — light cannot get to the forest floor and nothing can come up through, so the biodiversity of the woodland declines.

While the Directorate of Environmental Management is tracking more than 40 invasive exotics on Redstone, fragrant honeysuckle is in the top three species for invasiveness (Kudzu is No. 1). In 2003, DEM will participate in projects to manage the infestations of this bush honeysuckle, which are mainly on Madkin, Weeden and Ward Mountains. Bush honeysuckle has been used as a landscape plant around Redstone and that is one reason why it has invaded other areas. Since the berries are attractive to birds, they are



Courtesy photo

UNWANTED GUEST— Winter honeysuckle is stomping out the biodiversity of mountain woodlands in the Huntsville area.

spreading the seeds in their droppings along trails and roadways.

DEM has just recently joined forces with other agencies to work on the management and control of this honeysuckle. We have formed a partnership with the City of Huntsville, the Land Trust of Huntsville and North Alabama, the Monte Sano State Park, and the Alabama Natural Heritage Program. Together we have applied for a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant to obtain money to control this species. The grant money will go to the funding of control efforts in Huntsville. DEM personnel are already

involved in a similar program on Redstone. They will be advisers in the Huntsville project.

One of our concerns is that the honeysuckle is actively invading the natural habitat of two species listed under the Endangered Species Act: Morefield's leatherflower *Clematis morefieldii* (listed as endangered), and Price's potato bean *Apios priceana* (listed as threatened). Bush honeysuckle has invaded open limestone slopes in Huntsville, and may displace dozens of native species as well as those listed. On Monte Sano Mountain, land owned by the city, the Land Trust of Huntsville, and the Monte Sano State Park, is so dense with bush honeysuckle that oak, hickory, and eastern redcedar regeneration, the dominant over story, is compromised.

On Redstone Arsenal, bush honeysuckle is found on mountains in the north central part of the installation, where it will threaten the federally listed Price's potato bean, as well as other native plants. We are currently mapping the full extent of the infestation. We plan to implement control measures in areas of Price's potato bean habitat first. The remaining honeysuckle population will be addressed as resources permit. However, we must work with our local partners to control both the population on Redstone and the population in the surrounding adjacent area.

Annual program celebrates Native American heritage

Winners recognized for displays, essays

Headquarters & Alpha Company won this year's static display contest for Native American Indian Heritage Month.

Pvt. Sudie Rountree of Bravo Company won the essay contest. The awards were presented Thursday during the Native American Indian Heritage Month program at Bob Jones Auditorium.

The display winners, who received trophies, included: first, Headquarters & Alpha; second, Bravo Company; and third, HHC 59th.

The essay winners, who received plaques and Morale Welfare & Recreation gift certificates, included: first, Rountree; second, Pvt. Craig Smith of Bravo Company; and third, Steven Stocks of Training Department, Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School.

MSgt. Julia Giles of HHC 59th was the program's guest speaker. She is a native



Photo by Skip Vaughn

CELEBRATE HERITAGE— MSgt. Julia Giles of HHC 59th speaks at the Native American Indian Heritage Month program Thursday at Bob Jones Auditorium.

of Pryor, Mont., located on the Crow Indian Reservation.

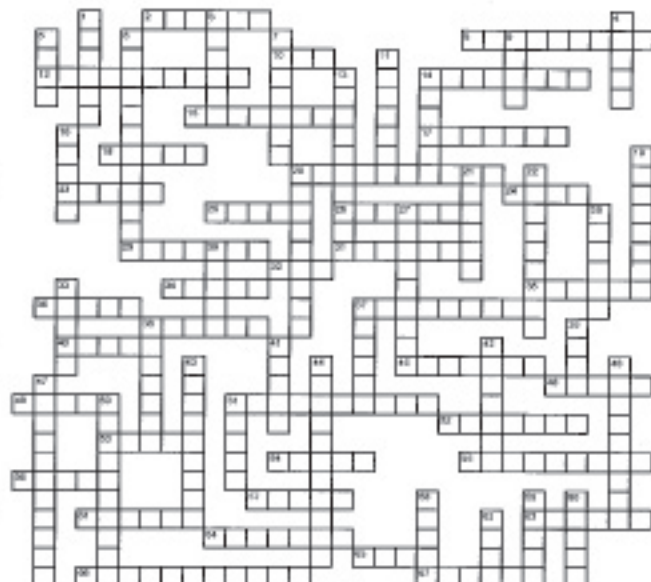
WORDS ASSOCIATED WITH NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY

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- 14 Native feast with gifts giving
- 15 Of the Americas
- 17 The act of marking
- 18 Buffalo
- 20 Fought Custer
- 23 Weapon point material
- 24 Decorative adornment or money
- 25 Meaning a body of persons
- 26 Wooden dolls with mask face
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- 35 Rider holder
- 36 The life blood of all mankind
- 37 Blue green stone
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- 4 Hide skinner
- 5 A conical home
- 6 Long distant communications
- 7 Un-tanned leather
- 9 Pot making material
- 11 Water holder
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- 14 Cliff dwellers
- 16 Supportive stick
- 19 Europeans
- 20 People of the south
- 21 Priest
- 22 Small gas engine or famous Indian speaker
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- 30 Projectile
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- 39 A conical home
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- 42 Sacred plant



Grid for the Redstone Rocket by Lyric Smith

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| 55 Summer mini attire | 64 Roamer of the plains | |
| 56 Emblem of a clan | 65 Flat elevated area | |
| 43 Grand ceremonial smoke maker | | |
| 44 Chief of allied tribes against Custer | | |
| 46 Corn and lima bean dish | | |
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place the contractor trailers."

Before the roof caved in, the contractors were scheduled to be in building 8027 because of its 119,000 square feet and proximity to the project office. The office moved in late August to the east wing of a 1,500-foot building. The west wing is projected to house the Post Exchange's optical shop.

"We continued with our I3MP requirements through the move period," Van Scoyoc said. "We kind of settled in. We've had to adjust to the current foot space where we were kind of spoiled with the large foot space that we had before. We were able to manage everything through the move. We actually stayed in that building longer than we should have so that it would not affect the project."

"It's turned out well," Richard Mathena, the deputy project manager, said. "It hasn't been extremely disruptive. We've had to dance a little bit to make sure we had the bases covered. But overall everybody adjusted to it and made sure we got the work done."

The only problem has been using other locations for more room. The office is sharing building 3345 for additional storage and meeting space.

Members of the office include Van Scoyoc, Mathena, Leon Coleman, Claire

Camp, Jessie Coffey, John Crutcher, Thomas Gaines, Rick Green, Stanley Griggs, Herman Jordan, D.J. Roberts, T.O. Wynne and Gary Shelton. Shelton is a support contractor for Communications-Electronics Command, Fort Monmouth, N.J.

"Just another day at work," Coleman, an engineer technician-3 who works for Sverdrup Team, said of the move. "I'm retired military so I'm used to moving."

Redstone is upgrading its data and voice communications system under an Armywide program. The new system should be in place by fiscal 2005. Expected benefits include reduced costs for communications, faster data service and a better telephone system. The Communications-Electronics Command manages this program for the Army's Director of Information Systems for Command, Control, Communications and Computers.

Upcoming activities include phase 2, construction of the manhole and duct system and data equipment installation; phase 3, the telephone switch which means one dial central office and eight remote switches strategically placed throughout Redstone; and phase 4, placement of copper and additional manhole and duct systems to replace all the Bell-South voice communications. The result will be government-owned facilities, no longer leased. The program, intended to standardize communications facilities Armywide, has already been

completed at Fort Benning, Ga.; Fort Bragg, N.C.; and several locations overseas.

A contract for phase 2 is expected to be awarded in late December or January with construction to follow within 30 days. A contract for phase 3 is proposed

■ Home unoccupied when fire started in living room

Fire

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either smoke or heat, all their clothing, all their furniture, all the nice stereo equipment that they had."

The fire originated downstairs in the main living room near the sliding glass doors. The cause was under investigation.

"The piece of equipment we think started the fire has been sent to the lab to do analysis on it," Hughes said.

The Shorts lived there with their sons, ages 2 and 4, and daughter 7.

"The whole post has just responded with nothing but love," said Short, who attended the Association of the U.S. Army

for next summer. The phase 3 contractor will first conduct a wiring and cable audit. "To accomplish that all rooms and work stations in the 1,348 buildings serviced by the current telephone switch will have to be numbered to be able to do the audit," Van Scoyoc said.

annual meeting in Washington, D.C. in October. "The family appreciates it. As soon as it happened, the Redstone community started reaching out."

His insurance representative determined some pieces of hardwood furniture were salvaged. "But pretty much everything else was gone," Short said.

The family went to the American Red Cross and to Army Community Service. They moved into guest lodging pending permanent arrangements.

The Shorts moved into the five-bedroom home, with vinyl siding, last Dec. 14. It was built in 1995 as senior NCO quarters.

To make monetary donations, call Army Community Service at 876-5397.

Vietnam veteran proud to pass torch to next generation

Personnel worker values lessons learned in combat 30 years ago

By SANDY RIEBELING
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Once upon a time, Mike Davis assumed there was always going to be a tomorrow. Then he went to Vietnam.

"I don't take anything for granted anymore," Davis, personnel management specialist in Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, said of the lessons he learned during his combat tour in Vietnam in 1970.

Even though decades have passed, some things you never forget, Davis said. Things like... always make sure your back is covered... appreciate every day... be flexible, adaptable, and able to bounce back... expect the unexpected... know who your buddies are and stick with them, no matter what.

This was a different kind of education than he was getting as a student of Florence State University (University of North Alabama) in 1969 when he received his draft notice.

"I went to college for all the wrong reasons," he said. "I was having way too much fun." His goal was to work in radio broadcasting and at the time he had a weekend job at a radio station. "When I got my draft notice I went down to the local recruiter and enlisted. I told him I wanted to work in Armed Forces Radio but he said they were filled up. He suggested I become a personnel clerk and then move from there into broadcasting. It didn't work out that way."

Davis ended up as a personnel clerk in the 92nd Engineer Battalion, 20th Engineer Brigade, spending one day a week on his clerical duties and the others riding shotgun on convoys and courier runs, doing security sweeps and helping out in any other way necessary.

There was one fleeting moment, during basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., when he thought he might avoid combat altogether.

"My knees swelled and they found out I had cartilage degeneration in both knees," he said. "I thought this was my



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

STILL ACTIVE— Although Mike Davis, personnel management specialist in Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, left the Army decades ago, he remains active in veterans organizations to fight for the rights of veterans and to make sure those organizations survive to support the next generation of soldiers.

ticket out. My permanent profile said no strenuous activity, prolonged marching, climbing, running. So I went to the medical board, of course there was a line going all the way around the block, and explained my problem to the lieutenant colonel, two majors and captain on the board."

Davis said that the lieutenant colonel looked him in the eye and said, "I God-damn guarantee you that when the incoming fire starts, you'll run as fast as anyone else." Then Davis went back to basic training.

With his engineering unit in Long Binh in 1970, Davis realized things could be much worse, explaining that the enemy knew who they were and what they did so they weren't under attack like some forces.

"They knew we were building roads and bridges and docks that would be there after we were gone. They wanted those things. On the other hand, we were sur-

rounded by an ammo dump, airfield and vehicle repair shop. Charlie (the Viet Cong) didn't have great aim. They would shoot at them, miss and hit us."

Every few days two soldiers from Davis' unit would courier orders back and forth between the battalion headquarters and detachment and Davis came up in the rotation regularly.

"You didn't really think much about it," he said. "Grabbed a weapon and hopped on. One day two guys take off down the road, run over a mine and it kills them both. It makes you stop and think."

The battalion also provided security for a land clearing sister battalion. "We sort of worked together," he said. "They would come in and clear the land on bulldozers with stinger blades and then we'd go in and build. They had a 65 percent casualty rate. The VC would run a line in the trees and hang hand grenades on it about cage high on the bulldozers — the cage was around the operator — and then when they drove through, the grenades would explode sending shrapnel all over their face, head, neck, everywhere."

"You grew up fast there. I turned 21 in Vietnam and came back feeling 40. Of course, I eventually got my youthfulness back," Davis said with a chuckle. "There was some pretty bad stuff there, but there were a few good times."

A Huey with a cargo hold full of Australian beer was one of those good times, according to Davis.

"A sergeant came through and asked for a couple of volunteers to secure an area where a Huey had landed," Davis said. The helicopter had engine failure and landed about 300 meters outside the battalion's perimeter. A security detail was needed until a Chinook could fly in and pick it up. "We grabbed our M-16s and ammo. When we got there we found out they were Australians hauling a helo full of beer to their fire station."

By the time the Chinook arrived, the pilot, co-pilot, crew chief and two security guards were all feeling pretty good. "I don't know how we got the jeep back to camp. The MPs stopped us at the gate to see if we were OK. I'd already fallen out of the jeep twice. But they just told us to

'take care' and we drove on."

Davis also remembers visits to the orphanage near the battalion area between Long Binh and Saigon.

"We used to sneak food to them," he said. "It was run by Catholic nuns. They always welcomed us. We always had something to give the kids when they came running out to see us with big smiles on their faces ... I wonder sometimes what happened to them."

The best day for Davis was the day he rotated back. But the homecoming was bittersweet.

"I was spat on while walking through the San Francisco International Airport on my way home," he said. "But by the time I got to Dallas, someone had bought my lunch."

Contrary to what this article may imply, Davis doesn't speak often or at length about his tour in Vietnam, except maybe with those people who shared the experience.

"My son asked me why I don't ever talk about the war," Davis said. "It's not that I don't want to or have anything to hide. It's just one part of my life that happened a long time ago. It had a great impact, for sure, but life moves on, you set more goals, accomplish more things and it becomes just another part of you."

Just because Davis moved on, he hasn't forgotten. He came back to the States finished his enlistment and went back to college. He was married before he enlisted and said that the marriage only lasted about six months after he returned. "You come back a different person," he said. "Sometimes things don't work out."

He graduated from Florence State with a bachelor's in history in 1975 and earned a master's in counseling in 1976. He worked briefly in the mental health field before taking a job as a training officer at the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant from 1978-89. He took a job at the Missile Command in 1989.

He has one daughter, Melanie, from his first marriage, and he and his wife, Anne, have three children, Drew, a sophomore at Auburn, William, a senior at Athens High

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Here's crash course in official travel rental car mishaps

Agreement revised for Army travelers

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Claims Office

The rules governing liability for damage to vehicles rented while on TDY have changed recently. For most of fiscal '02, travelers could be held liable for damage to rental cars caused by their own negligence. As of Oct. 1, the "U.S. Government Rental Car Agreement," which is negotiated by the Military Traffic Management Command, was changed.

Under the revised agreement, participating companies will bear the cost of most damage, including damage caused by government driver negligence. Rental car companies are not responsible, however, in the event of intentional damage, fraud or misrepresentation, DUI, operation of the vehicle for an illegal purpose or by an unauthorized driver, or in various other circumstances primarily geared toward unethical conduct or inappropriate use of the vehicle.

To ensure maximum protection from liability, an employee renting a car for TDY should notify the company of his or her official travel status, and must rent the car using the official government VISA card. Use of the card is not only required by law, but also allows the traveler to take advantage of Bank of America's insurance, which covers most vehicles rented pursuant to official travel. In order to get the insurance coverage, the traveler must

decline the rental car company's collision damage waiver or similar coverage. In the event of an accident, in addition to notifying local police and the rental car company, the traveler should contact Bank of America by calling 1-800-VISA-911 within 20 days and comply with Bank of America's claims procedures. Among other things, Bank of America will require the completion of a claim form (which they will provide) within 90 days of the date of loss. Absent gross negligence on the part of the driver, Bank of America will then cover all damage (physical damage to and theft of the vehicle, valid loss-of-use charges, and towing charges) to the rental vehicle. The insurance does not apply if the vehicle is rented for more than 31 days, and does not apply to vehicles rented in Israel, Jamaica or Ireland. Information about the insurance coverage may be found at www.visa.com/benefits.

A related issue is the extent to which a government driver may be held liable for property damage or injuries inflicted on third parties. Under the current MTMC agreement, rental car companies are required to maintain insurance coverage to protect the United States and its employees against liability for personal injury, wrongful death and property damage arising from the use of rental vehicles. An employee faced with a demand from a third party or insurance company should notify the nearest Army claims office. The claims office will seek to invoke the aforementioned insurance coverage. If for some reason the

coverage was deemed not to apply, the government would evaluate the third party's claim for possible payment under the Federal Tort Claims Act, a federal law that allows the government to pay for damage or injuries caused by the negligence or wrongful conduct of its employees.

A few final notes: first, travelers are allowed to use their government travel card for car rental during leave authorized in conjunction with temporary duty. When this is done, the traveler can take advantage

of Bank of America's liability coverage during the leave period. Travelers are urged to verify travel card coverage by calling Bank of America before going on TDY. Second, a traveler without a Government Travel Card may benefit from coverage provided by his or her personal credit card. Employees should check with their credit card companies or personal insurance policies to determine whether they have liability protection before renting a vehicle.

■ Veteran recalls good and bad times in Vietnam

Veteran

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School and Katherine, a junior at Athens High.

Davis is a member in several veterans organizations including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion and is president of the Vietnam Veterans of America chapter 511 in Athens and senior vice president of the Alabama state council of the VVA.

"It keeps me active and out there contributing. It gives me something to do," Davis said. "If you've been to Vietnam, it's a brotherhood-sisterhood. All veterans are a part of that brotherhood. Vietnam Veterans are simply one group focused to a particular time frame with people with similar experiences. They are

people you can get goofy with and no one wonders why."

Davis spent Veterans Day in Birmingham, supporting the honoree named Alabama State Vietnam Veteran of the Year, who happens to be a member of the Athens chapter. While in Birmingham, he placed a flag on his father's grave. Edward "Buddy" Davis was a first sergeant in World War II.

"As a nation we're very fortunate," Davis said. "There were sacrifices made way before my generation. There were sacrifices my generation made. There were sacrifices succeeding my generation. One generation passes the torch to the next. From the beginning down through World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, Desert Storm, and now Operation Enduring Freedom. I'm part of that torch passing. I'm very proud of that."

Redstone Arsenal soldiers march on Veterans Day



Photo by Spec. Evan Morrow

DOWNTOWN EVENT— Col. David Hafele, second from right in foreground, commander of 59th Ordnance Brigade, marches through downtown Huntsville with his command staff and colors during the Veterans Day parade.

Rustic Lodge plans full house for open house Thursday

Several more vendors have signed up for the Rustic Lodge Open House, Thursday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

"Christmas time is coming and shopping for gifts couldn't be easier, now with more vendors and selections to choose from," the Civilian Welfare Fund Council said in a prepared release.

There is no admission fee and there will be free food, refreshments and entertainment. A Beanie Baby woodland animal will be given to the first 100 people to attend. There will be door prizes from local companies as well as from some of the vendors. You must be present to win the door prizes that will be given away throughout the day. Ted Cannon of the Music Machine will provide entertainment.

"This year's CWFC event really is a shopper's extravaganza," the release said. "We have representatives and merchan-

dise from Alabama Balloon Company, All Needz Rental, Angela's Bakery, Avon, Books are Fun, Creative Memories, Discovery Toys, Gold Crown Candles, Home Interiors, Joeille Jewelry, Kallie's Creations, La Petite Trousseau, Little Barn, Inc., Mary Kay Cosmetics, Nikken, Pampered Chef, Poor Woman's Paradise, Princess House, Scrap-in-a-Snap, Southern Living at Home, Two Feathers Gallery, Weekender's Fashions and the Sparkman Cafeteria. Hey, guys, Home Depot has a booth at the event this year."

Shuttle bus service will be provided from the parking lot in front of building 5309 and will run a continuous loop every half hour beginning at 9:30. Handicap transportation will be available upon advance request. Call Charles Urban at 955-7662 today if you require special transportation.

Arsenal units join community in honoring military veterans

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Many veterans devoted their lives to military service. Many lost family members and close friends in war, their comrades who died in America's defense.

All across the nation, soldiers and civilians gathered to honor veterans and their service to this nation Nov. 11. At Redstone Arsenal, soldiers showed their dedication to the ideals of this country and their comrades who had gone before them by staying on the job and participating in a Veterans Day march in Huntsville.

"Planning started in early August. The actual preparation for the event started at 7:00 the morning of the parade and it took 25 warrant officers to sign everyone in and get them lined up in the staging area," said CWO 5 Richard Storie, one of the driving forces behind the event.

Every unit on post was represented. The march route was approximately 1.9 miles, and looped through several downtown intersections.

"There were a total of 160 units involved in the parade. All branches of service were represented, active duty, National Guard and Reserve," Storie said. "The cast included marching bands, rep-

resentatives from the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of America, NASA, Boeing, Lockheed Martin and Teledyne Brown."

The crowd turnout was impressive. All ages lined the streets. Spectators waved their flags; and motorists in the parade responded by honking their horns.

"The Redstone Chapter of the Warrant Officers Association has been involved with the parade for three years. This was our first year of coordinating the whole event," Storie said. "Each year the number of participants in the parade and support from the local community has grown. Of all the places I've been stationed in my 30 years of service, Huntsville has by far shown the greatest support of soldiers and veterans."

The weather was brisk but clear and held out for the first half of the parade. A light rain followed but did not dampen the spirits of the participants who didn't leave the assembly area until later that afternoon.

The parade drew praise from the trainees who are just getting to know what the Army is like.

"It gave me a good feeling and I was glad to be involved in the parade," said Pvt. Michael Clayton of Bravo Company, who has been at Redstone four months.

"Being there and taking in the crowd's response made me proud to be a soldier," said Pvt. Richard Reid of Bravo Company, here for two and a half months.



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Patriots in Israel

A ribbon cutting ceremony Oct. 28 officially opened the Israel Air Force Patriot Missile Assembly/Disassembly Facility. From left are Col. Robert English, military deputy to the executive director, Integrated Materiel Management Center; Brig. Gen. Sarid, director of materiel, Israel Air Force; and Maj. Eliav Ziv, Patriot programs action officer, Israel Air Force.

Dining hall plans feast for Thanksgiving meal

Duck, Cornish hens added to holiday menu this year

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Of the half a million meals served annually at the troop dining facility on Redstone, Thanksgiving day is something special.

"All their meals are great," CSM Roscoe Johnson said. "But that day is like a feast."

Johnson, command sergeant major for the Aviation and Missile Command, is one of many commanders, sergeants major and officers that will serve the Thanksgiving meal to the troops, retirees and their families Nov. 28.

"It's a long-standing Army tradition that we serve," he said. "It's a way for us to show appreciation for what they do for us. We get a chance to talk with the soldiers, have a good time. I've been doing it about 15 years and it's always a great day."

Greatness doesn't just happen. It takes forethought and planning. Preparation for Thanksgiving began at least two months ago with selecting a menu and ordering the large quantities of meats needed to fill the plates of the 700 diners expected for the midday meal.

"This is our largest and most expensive meal of the year," Hal Weatherman, food adviser for the dining facility, said, which is one of the reasons it is not open to the public. "We have to stay within our budget. We only get a little over six dollars a day to feed the soldiers three squares. We really have to plan for this. All of our meals are great, but this one we really put on a show."

The dining facility will be open to all active duty, retired military, their family members and one guest. The Thanksgiving meal is served from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with single soldiers (initial entry soldiers) dining 11-12:30, soldiers with family 12:30-1:30 and retirees 1:30-2:30.

Cost of the meal is \$5.25, and \$4.55 for dependents of soldiers in the rank of E-4 and below.

The menu includes Steamship beef (150 pounds), turkey (350 pounds), Cornish hens (132 pounds), ham (216 pounds), duck (60 pounds) and shrimp (136 pounds) along with the traditional fixings including dressing, mashed potatoes, giblet gravy, candied sweet potatoes, buttered green peas with mushrooms, cranberry sauce, corn-on-the-cob, broccoli, tossed green salad, cole slaw, fresh fruit, fruit salad, hot rolls, pumpkin pie, mincemeat pie, fruit cake and beverages.

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— CSM Roscoe Johnson

"The menu is subject to change a little," Anthony Jones, project manager for the K and K Food Service contract that supports the dining facility, said. "We order the meat early because we want to make sure we get enough of everything but the trucks bringing the vegetables, when they come in, there's never a guarantee that what you order is what they'll have on the truck. We don't expect any problems and we'll have plenty of good food."

Of the regular 55 kitchen staff, it will take 35 cooks and mess attendants working the day before, through the night and to the end of the meal to make this dinner a success.

"They really are the reason this meal goes off so good," Jones said. "The pastries are baked fresh everyday. We've got some dedicated employees that have great experience. They're very special people who try to give the soldiers that feeling of coming home for dinner."

The dining facility can seat 265 people at a time and provides about 1,500 meals to soldiers every day. Weatherman hopes to move into a newly constructed dining facility planned for Redstone by February 2004.

"Maybe in the future we can host larger crowds," he said.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

CATERING TO SOLDIERS— Cooks-2 from left Joann Lewis, Somchit Ashford and Sarah Hardin are busy preparing lunch to send to the Guard soldiers manning the gates. They are part of the 55-member kitchen staff planning and preparing for the Thanksgiving meal at the troop dining facility.

Delta rallies for comeback win over MEDDAC

Troop flag football teams enter postseason tourney

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Delta Company quarterback/coach Cedric Tims knows the real test begins this week with the postseason tournament.

But his Devastating Dragons trailed MEDDAC at halftime Thursday night in their final regular season game. Delta got its offense rolling in the second half and beat the medics 30-26 at the Patton Road field.

Tims threw a touchdown pass to Johnnie Walker for the go-head score and Sheldon Goldsmith clinched the win with an interception return for a touchdown in the final minute.

"I thought we came out playing a lot better than we did against 59th," Tims said, referring to Delta's only loss of the season. "Our offense was moving fairly well, our defense played well. We still have areas to work on before the playoffs."

"In the playoffs, everyone will be well-prepared. I think everyone's game plan will be intact. No one is really number 1, no one is really above the rest. It's an even playing field. And Delta Company - offense, defense and special teams - all three phases, have to be at the top of their game in order to win the championship."

Tims completed 11-of-20 passes for 154 yards, three touchdowns (10, 50 and 10 yards) and one interception.

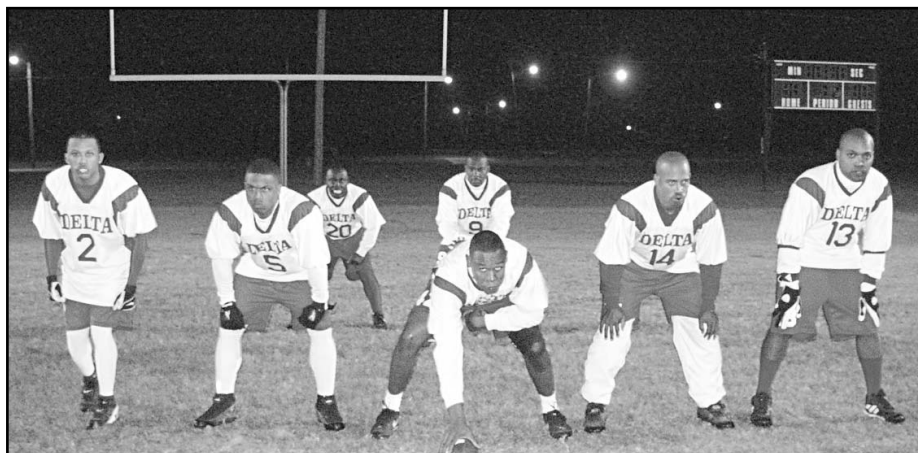


Photo by Skip Vaughn

DRAGONS TAKE OFFENSE— The Delta Company offense includes from left, on the line, wideout Ronnie Shepherd, right guard Bruce Hollis, center Stanley Lewis, left guard Willie Gurley and left end Johnnie Walker. In the backfield are running back Richard James (20) and quarterback Cedric Tims (9).

Delta (7-1) will try to dethrone the defending champion HHC 59th (9-0). MEDDAC enters the postseason at 7-2.

"We battled with them all the way to the end," MEDDAC receiver/cornerback and coach Michael Copeland said. "They underestimated us at the end but we came back and put it on them. We'll see them in the playoffs."

"It was a hard-fought game both ways," MEDDAC right guard/linebacker Johnny Davis said. "It went back and forth multiple times. We became a closer team and we had an awesome year. We finished the year 7-2 and we're definite contenders for the championship."

MEDDAC opened the scoring at 12:33 in the first half on Antonio Mason's 5-yard touchdown run. Quarterback Leroy Howard passed to Richard Rivera for a 1-point conversion and MEDDAC led 7-0.

Tims connected on a 10-yard scoring pass to Greg White with 23 seconds left in the half; and the medics led 7-6 at halftime.

Keith Broughton scored on a 50-yard touchdown pass from Tims at 16:21 in the second half to put the Dragons up 12-7. Broughton added a 5-yard touchdown run at 10:24.

Howard ran for an 18-yard touchdown and added a 1-point conversion run to get MEDDAC within 18-14 at 7:43. He

scored from 35 yards at 3:52 to put the medics ahead 20-18.

Tims found Walker on a 10-yard scoring strike at 1:18 and the Dragons led 24-20. Goldsmith ended the drama with his 43-yard interception return with 50 seconds left to make it 30-20.

Davis caught an 8-yard touchdown pass from Howard on the game's final play.

"It was kind of shaky at first, the offense wasn't clicking like they were supposed to," Broughton said. "But the second half we came out ready to play. I give credit to MEDDAC, they came ready to play. But at the same time, we capitalized on their mistakes and came back and won the ballgame and our defense held up. And we just showed that we know how to win in tight situations."

The final standings in the regular season had HHC 59th atop the Eastern Conference followed by MEDDAC, Bravo-2 (4-4), Headquarters & Alpha (4-5) and the Marines (2-7).

Delta won the Western Conference followed by NCO Academy (5-3), Charlie (4-5), Alpha 131st (2-7) and Bravo-1 (0-10).

Results from the final week of the regular season included:

- 12 - MEDDAC def. Charlie 25-20, Marines def. Bravo-2 30-14 and NCO Academy def. Bravo-1 34-6.

- Nov. 13 - HHC 59th def. Marines 36-12, Charlie def. Alpha 131st 50-32 and Headquarters & Alpha def. Bravo-1 by forfeit.

- Nov. 14 - Charlie def. Bravo-1 by forfeit, Delta def. MEDDAC 30-26 and NCO Academy def. Alpha 131st 21-6.

Skip's picks

Crimson Tide picked to kick rival Auburn

By SKIP VAUGHN

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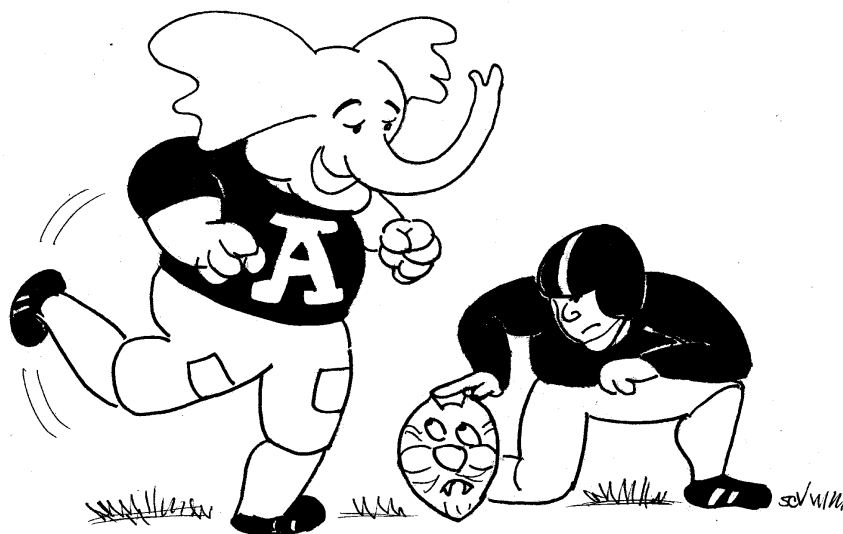
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Skip's picks went 28-9 in the 11th week of the college football season, bringing the season totals to 269-97. Here are my predictions for selected games this week:

Auburn at Alabama - **Bama**
Arkansas at Miss. State - **Arkansas**
Ole Miss at Louisiana State - **LSU**
South Carolina at Clemson - **Clemson**
Tennessee at Vanderbilt - **Tennessee**
Alabama A&M at Ark.-Pine Bluff - **A&M**
San Diego State at Air Force - **Air Force**
Ala.-Birmingham at Louisville - **Louisville**
Army at Memphis - **Memphis**
Baylor at Oklahoma State - **Okla. State**
Boston College at Temple - **BC**
Brigham Young at Utah - **BYU**
Stanford at California - **Calif.**
New Mexico at Colo. State - **Colo. State**

North Carolina at Duke - **UNC**
Florida State at N.C. State - **N.C. State**
Illinois at Northwestern - **Illinois**
Indiana at Purdue - **Purdue**
Connecticut at Iowa State - **Iowa State**
Kansas State at Missouri - **Kan. State**
Maryland at Virginia - **Maryland**
Pittsburgh at Miami - **Miami**
Michigan at Ohio State - **OSU**
Michigan State at Penn State - **Penn State**

Minnesota at Wisconsin - **Wisconsin**
Navy at Wake Forest - **Wake Forest**
Rutgers at Notre Dame - **Notre Dame**
Texas Tech at Oklahoma - **Oklahoma**
Oregon at Oregon State - **Oregon State**
Southern Cal at UCLA - **Southern Cal**
Southern Miss at Tulane - **Southern Miss**
Texas Christian at East Carolina - **TCU**
West Virginia at Virginia Tech - **Va. Tech**
Washington at Wash. State - **Wash. State**



Bad Boys win Pop Warner Pee Wee football title

*Lieutenant colonel
coaches youngsters*

The Bad Boys lived up to their nickname in North Alabama Pop Warner Pee Wee football.

Coached by Lt. Col. Tony Hodge, the team of 10 through 12-year-olds from Madison went 5-1 in the regular season and 2-0 in the tournament for the division title. It was also known as the Madison Blue Patriots and played out of Palmer Park.

“It was truly a team effort,” Hodge said. “The players, coaches and parents all did their part which made my job easy.”

Their lone loss was to the Madison

Red Patriots or Red Dogs 7-6 in the regular season. They avenged that defeat by beating the Red Dogs 20-12 in the tournament final Nov. 7 at Palmer Park.

The Bad Boys averaged 23 points per game and surrendered only 38 points in eight games.

Players included Arthur Brackett, Jeremy Brackett, Wes Brackett, Corey Burnside, Ryan Cecil, Holt Claiborne, Ricky Fernandez, Tevin Freeman, Justin Gage, Jacob Hill, Tony Hodge Jr., Chris Johnston, Garrett Langhauser, Cameron Ludwig, Caleb Martin, Byron Mead, Ricky Patton, Kenneth Rice and Romelle Rice. The coaches were Hodge, Arthur Brackett, Wes Brackett, Kenneth Rice and Ronnie Claiborne.

Silent auction deemed successful fund-raiser

The Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign’s Silent Auction for 2002 brought in a record \$11,500.

The “E-Bay-style” auction was conducted off of the Tennessee Valley CFC web site (www.cfc-huntsville.org) by members of the Tennessee Valley CFC team.

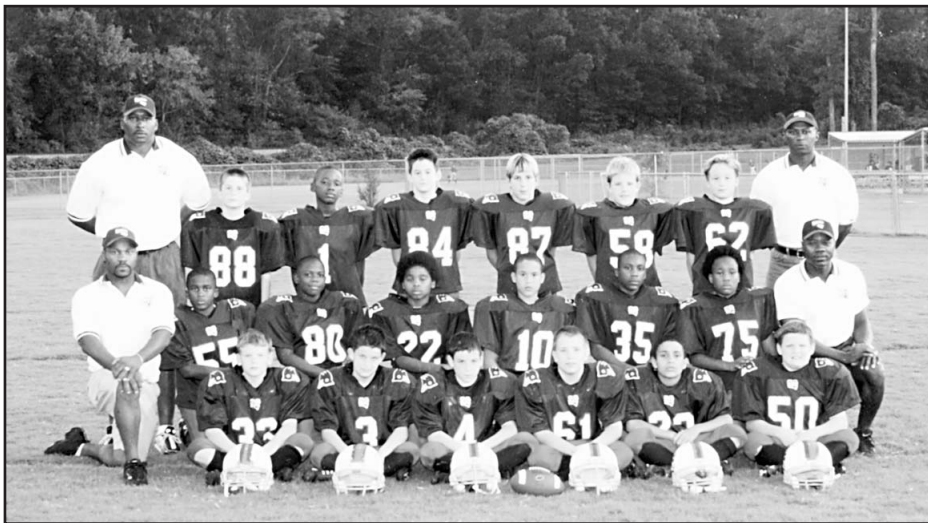
“I was very surprised on the reaction to the auction this year,” said Gay Money, the Local Federal Coordinating Committee chairperson for the Tennessee Valley CFC. “We had excellent participation

from all of our federal agencies.

“(The silent auction) not only raises money, but it joins federal employees from around the valley in having some fun during the campaign.”

The silent auction raised more than \$8,000 last year.

The web site recorded more than 580,000 hits for the three-week auction which began Oct. 21 and ran until midnight Nov. 8. The CFC team received 1,345 e-mail bids this year, compared to 645 last year.



Courtesy photo

WHAT YOU GONNA DO?— Members of the champion Bad Boys team include from left, in front row, Ryan Cecil, Ricky Fernandez, Chris Johnston, Byron Mead, Tevin Freeman and Caleb Martin; second row, assistant coach Kenneth Rice, Tony Hodge Jr., Jeremy Brackett, Romelle Rice, Holt Claiborne, Kenneth Rice, Ricky Patton and assistant coach Arthur Brackett; and in back row, assistant coach Ronnie Claiborne, Cameron Ludwig, Arthur Brackett, Garrett Langhauser, Jacob Hill, Corey Burnside, Justin Gage and coach Tony Hodge.

Hunters, anglers invited to sportsmen's town hall

Advisory council forming on post

A Hunting and Fishing Town Hall meeting will be held Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Recreation Center in building 3711 on Patton Road.

This event is sponsored by the Garrison commander and members of his senior staff who will be forming the Arsenal Hunting and Fishing Advisory Council. The whole community is invited, so bring your ideas, issues, questions and comments. Light refreshments will be served.

"Our interest is in good information flow and receipt of customer feedback directly to and from our valued sportsmen and women," the Garrison said in a prepared release.

Loyd Ackerman took the best buck so far this deer season, a 14-point, in area B7-Refuge, weighing in at 170 pounds (dressed). He shot it with a long bow and cedar arrow.

Other impressive harvests so far this year include: a 12-point buck, 157 pounds, in area 31 by Mark Waller; a 10-point buck, 155, in area B7 by Philip Cauthen; a 9-point buck, 150, in area 9 by Larry Malone; and a 9-point buck, 135, in area 41W by T.J. LaPointe. Plus there were three does weighing in at more than 90 dressed.



Photo from Outdoor Recreation
BIG BUCK— Loyd Ackerman shows the best buck taken so far this deer season, a 14-point, in area B7-Refuge, weighing in at 170 dressed. He shot it with a long bow and cedar arrow.

"There is some great hunting out there on the Arsenal," the Garrison said, "450 deer quota this year, and still a long way to go! Gun season begins Nov. 23."

National Guardsmen at gates get their lunch to go

Special deliveries bring meal break

Lunch is delivered daily to the activated National Guardsmen manning the Redstone Arsenal gates.

"We're trying to make it easier for their lunchtime rotation so they can eat at the gate," Col. Bob Devlin, the garrison commander, said.

The soldiers represent a number of units, together known as Team Scorpion, and mainly belong to Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 131st Armor from Centre.

A representative picks up the lunches at the dining facility and delivers them to the gates. This began a few weeks ago.

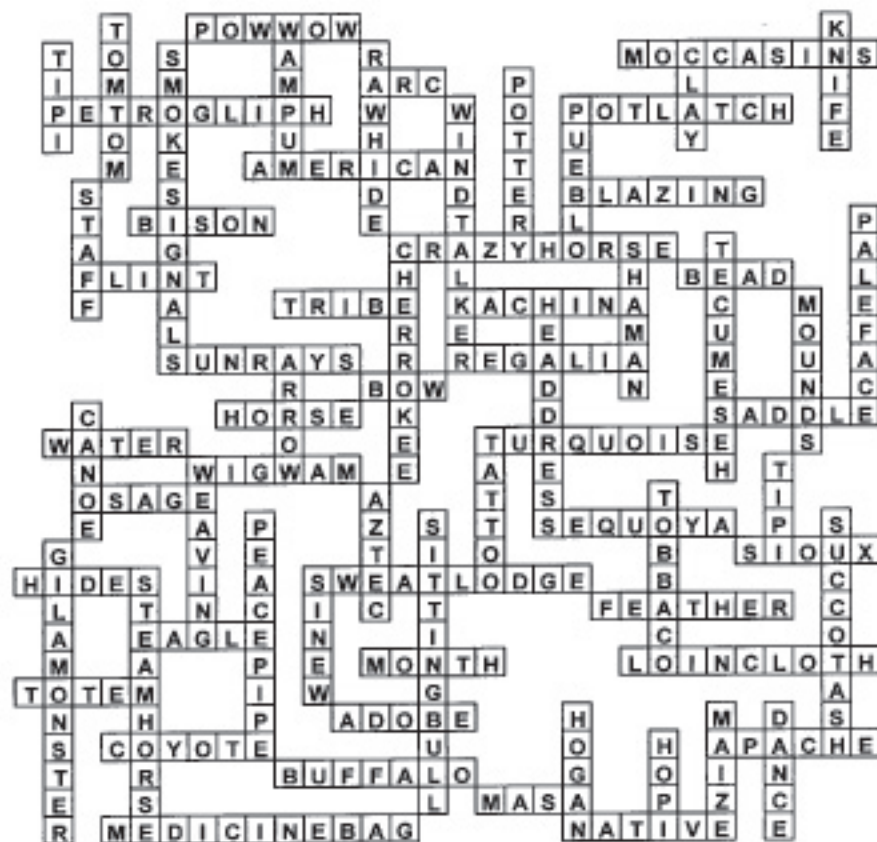
"It's a good idea," Sgt. Rudy Aguilar said while consuming his hamburger Nov. 13 at gate 10. "We get to eat."

"We have to feed the soldiers," Capt. Zach VanDyke, Alpha Company commander, said. "We try to give them a balanced meal. Based on some complaints, we had to adjust the menu to food everyone would eat. We're glad it's working out. Hal Weatherman and Don Olsen, director of logistics, were instrumental in supporting the changes in Class I operations."



Photo by Skip Vaughn
CHOW TIME— Eating lunch at gate 10 are, from left, Sgt. Brian Engle, Sgt. Danny Washington and Sgt. Rudy Aguilar. The activated National Guardsmen are helping augment security at Redstone Arsenal.

Answers to Indian Heritage crossword puzzle from page 6



Announcements



Sports & Recreation

Basketball salute

The Association of the U.S. Army will present "Salute to Military Night" with the Huntsville Flight vs. Asheville Altitude basketball game Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Von Braun Center. Tickets are \$5 per person. For more information, call Lawrence 429-1008.

Volleyball league

The Redstone Volleyball League holds a clinic each Sunday from 2-4:30 p.m., with open play following, at Pagano Gym. For information call Felix Milar 313-1200, 876-2943 or 313-6091.

Sportsmen's town hall

Outdoor Recreation will hold a special Hunting and Fishing Town Hall meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Recreation Center, building 3711. Everyone is invited. Bring your ideas, concerns and questions for discussion. The Hunting and Fishing

Board of Governors will be on hand for questions. For more information, call 842-2188.

Basketball clinics

Upcoming clinics at Optimist Park Gym include a Basketball Coaches Clinic, Dec 20 from 6-8 p.m., cost is \$15 and includes a free T-shirt; and a Basketball Clinic for Youth (ages 8-12), Dec. 21, boys 9 a.m. to noon and girls 1-4 p.m., cost is \$20 and includes a free T-shirt. Call 325-7529 or register online at www.playsmartt.com.

Youth gymnastics instructor

Youth Sports is looking for a qualified gymnastics instructor for beginning and intermediate classes to be held on post. Instruction will be available for ages 5-18. Interested individuals should call Missy Richards, youth sports director, 313-3699.

SportsMed Shootout

The SportsMed Shootout high school basketball tournament is Nov. 28-30 at the Von Braun Center South Hall. It features

16 premier programs from Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee and Texas. Tickets are \$5 each day. Children will be admitted free; and parking in all VBC lots is free. Play begins at 2 p.m. Nov. 28, 10 a.m. Nov. 29 and 3 p.m. Nov. 30. Sponsors include Crestwood Medical Center, HealthSouth and the American Red Cross.



Conferences & Meetings

Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting at the Redstone Arsenal Golf Club 6:30-7:30 a.m. Thursday. The association is open to membership for all E-9s from all services: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guards and Reserves. For more information, call retired CSM Jean Rose 313-1659.

Waiting spouses

Waiting Spouses will hold its next outing Saturday. Waiting Spouses is a group of ladies who are geographically separated from their husbands. They get together at least once a month to participate in social activities. If your spouse is active duty, including recent activation, and away on an unaccompanied tour, attending training, etc., they'd love to have you join them. As always, child care is provided. For more information, call Kristi Foster or Tracy Silvia of Army Community Service 876-5397.

Parents council

The Parent Advisory Council will meet at 11 a.m. Nov. 26 at the Childwise Center, building 1413, second floor, Spartan Drive. Parents with children in the Child Development Center, Youth Services and School Age Services are encouraged to attend. Gena Wade-Jones, Redstone nutritionist, is to talk about the USDA food guidelines and menu development at the CDC.



Miscellaneous

Catholic pilgrimage

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic community at Bicentennial Chapel is planning a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Lourdes, France for the annual International Military Pilgrimage. The patrons will be in France May 14-23. Many sightseeing trips are included in this pilgrimage, to include a day trip to Utah and Omaha Beaches, visit to the American Cemetery, and two days in Paris. The price of this pilgrimage is approximately \$1,677 per person based on double occupancy leaving from Huntsville and \$1,560 per person based on double occupancy leaving from Atlanta. Cost includes roundtrip coach air fare, transfers, tours, two meals per day, 4-star hotels and taxes. For more information, call Donna Ragucci 461-9415.

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Garden plots

Attention soldiers, retirees, and DoD civilians possessing a garden plot on Redstone Arsenal: Please be advised that on Nov. 25, Grounds Maintenance will prepare the garden for the upcoming planting season in 2003. Plant stands, fences, hoses, sprinklers, etc., must be removed by that date, or grounds maintenance will remove the items and place them in storage for approximately 30 days. Any item not claimed within 30 days will be forfeited. Questions regarding next year's planting season/plot assignment may be addressed by calling SFC Ron Pate 876-1445.

Reserve detachment

An Army Reserve Detachment on Redstone Arsenal is looking for prior active duty people or possibly transfers from other Reserve/National Guard units with MOS 74B (information systems operators) and MOS 75B/H (unit administration). For 74B MOS, it will consider reclassification action to MOS 74B if you can document with resume civilian acquired skills, education/experience, in the following computer skills: data base management, programming, networking and telecommunications. Minimum of a secret clearance required. Must possess the personal qualifications to pass the background investigation process to obtain a top secret clearance in the near future. If you have MOS 74C or 74F, it is now authorized to convert to 74B as well. For MOS 75B/H, you must be MOS-Q, prior service or transfer from another unit. For more information, call Charles Vartan 876-0604 (work) or 883-8891 (home).

Apprentice program

The Science and Engineering Apprentice Program is held each summer to give academically talented high school and college students research experience with

mentors at the Aviation and Missile Command. Applications are available from high school senior counselors or college placement services; and the deadline is Jan. 31. For more information, call Betty Duke of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center 313-4790.

Holiday party

Make plans now to attend the 2002 IMMC Holiday Party, Dec. 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. This year's theme is "Home for the Holidays." Tickets are \$12 before Nov. 27, \$13 afterward. For tickets call Romona Rice 313-1641, Cindy Yassi 313-1328, Lisa Pipes 842-6276, Janice Perry 842-6336 or Lynn Dimock 313-0569.

New Year's Eve gala

The Officers and Civilians Club is having another blow-out New Year's Eve party Dec. 31. We're starting with a buffet dinner served 7-9 p.m. and live music by "The Usual Suspects." Ticket price is \$35 per person and includes dinner, entertainment, continental breakfast from midnight to 1 a.m., party favors, and champagne for toasting. We're also offering an all-inclusive on-post lodging package. You do the celebrating, we do the driving. Includes lodging on Redstone Arsenal in cottages or deluxe hotel rooms, transportation to and from the New Year's Eve gala, dinner and dance. Sixty-six deluxe rooms - \$115.50 per couple and five cottages - \$127.50 per couple. For tickets, call 830-CLUB or call Redstone lodging 837-4130/876-5713 for the New Year's Eve gala package. This event is open to the entire Redstone community. The Challenger Activity Center, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road, will open for its New Year's Party at 6 p.m. Dec. 31. The \$15 ticket price includes DJ/karaoke, hors d'oeuvres, party favors and champagne. Call 837-0750/0751 for

details. The Firehouse Pub, on Hankins Road, will also open for its New Year's Party at 6 p.m. Dec. 31. The \$10 ticket price includes DJ/karaoke, Tommy McPerson, hors d'oeuvres, party favors and champagne. Call 830-2582 or 842-0748 for details.

Master's degrees

Nova Southeastern University will have an information meeting on its master of business administration program at 6 p.m. Thursday at Calhoun Community College, conference room 101-E, 102 Wynn Drive. For more information, call 1-800-672-7223 (ext. 5026).

NCO/Soldier of quarter

The NCO/Soldier of the Quarter luncheon is Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker is retired CSM Jimmie Spencer, director of enlisted programs at national Association of the U.S. Army. Tickets are \$6.50 in advance. For tickets or more information, call Sheila McCrary 876-1874.

Enlisted dining out

The Team Redstone enlisted dining out is Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker is retired CSM George Cuthbert, former command sergeant major for Army Materiel Command. Call Sheila McCrary 876-1874.

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Look who's 60

Today marks the 60th birthday of Bob Whiteford, a former post command sergeant major who is the Northrop Grumman program manager for logistics under the Redstone Arsenal base support contract. Call and congratulate him at 876-5855.

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Health center phones

In a continuing effort to improve telephone access, Fox Army Health Center will soon implement an additional phase of new telephone extensions. The health center's main number will remain 955-8888 with only extension numbers being affected. Effective Nov. 25, the following clinic phone numbers will be changed to the new extensions listed. Both old and new numbers will work until Dec. 25 at which time the old numbers will be disconnected. Here are the new numbers: Public Health and Education Center, front desk, extension 1026; Occupational Medicine, front desk, ext. 1027; Medical Company, front desk, ext. 1031; Pharmacy representative, ext. 1035; Surgical Clinic, front desk, ext. 1037; Optometry, front desk, ext. 1038; Lab, front desk, ext. 1039; and Headquarters, ext. 1015.

Health center hours

Fox Army Health Center announces Thanksgiving holiday hours. The Primary Care Extended Hours Clinic will be closed Thanksgiving Day and open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 29 for scheduled appointments. The Pharmacy and all other clinics will be closed both days. Advice Nurses are available 24 hours a day, year round, at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice and schedule urgent care appointments for the Primary Care Clinic.

Housing office

The Housing Office will be closed Nov. 29, the day after Thanksgiving. For maintenance emergencies, call 876-2801. The office will resume regular hours Dec. 2 at 7 a.m.

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping Wednesdays and Fridays from 9-4, Thursdays from 9-5. Walk-in consignment hours are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9-12:30. The shop has appointments Wednesdays and Thursdays 12:30-3. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. Christmas and winter items are now being accepted. The shop will be closed the week of Thanksgiving. For more information, call 881-6992.

Youth character training

Child and Youth Services will begin quarterly character building training Nov. 30 for grades 6-12. Other sessions will be Jan. 4, March 29, May 24 and Aug. 23 at the Youth Center, building 3148 off Goss Road. Youth will attend only one session. "Character Counts" is a program developed by the Josephson Institute and includes six pillars: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. This program is open to children of active and retired military, DoD/Army civilians and Redstone/NASA contractors. For more information, call 876-5437 or 313-3609.

Commissary hours

The Commissary will be open Nov. 24-27,
closed Nov. 28 and open Nov. 29-30.

Young Marines

New recruit training will begin soon for Young Marines, a program for boys and girls ages 8-17. For more information, call 536-2054 or 876-8963.